

Rangel amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds made available in this Act from being used to implement, administer, or enforce the economic embargo of Cuba (by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 245 noes, Roll No. 284); and

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Lee amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds made available in this Act from being used to implement, administer, or enforce the amendments made to paragraphs (a) and (b) of section 515.565 of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to specific licenses for United States academic institutions and other specific licenses), as published in the Federal Register on June 16, 2004 (69 Fed. Reg. 33772). The limitation in the preceding sentence shall not apply to the implementation, administration, or enforcement of section 515.560(c)(3) of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations (by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 285).

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Withdrawn:

Flake amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn which sought to prohibit the use of funds made available by this Act from being made available to amend section 515.566 of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to religious activities in Cuba), as in effect on June 14, 2006;

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Tiahrt amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn which sought to prohibit use of funds made available to the IRS by this Act to develop or provide taxpayers with free individual income tax electronic preparation and filing products or services other than through the Free File program and the IRS Taxpayer Assistance Centers, Tax Counseling for the Elderly, and the volunteer income tax assistance programs;

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Kennedy of Minnesota amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional record of June 12th) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn which sought to prohibit the use of funds made available by this Act be used to apply the revised cost-effectiveness index rating system established by the Federal Transit Administration (described in its April 29, 2005, "Dear Colleague" letter) to the Northstar Corridor Rail project;

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Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment (No. 12 printed in the Congressional record of June 13th) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn which sought to prohibit the use of funds made available by this Act from being used to apply the assumption contained in section A150.101(d) of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations; and

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Garrett amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn which sought to, not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of the Act, re-

quire the Secretary of Transportation to conduct a study to determine the amount each State department of transportation spent in fiscal year 2005 to comply with laws and regulations of the United States Department of Transportation. **Pages H3955–56**

Point of Order sustained against:

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds from being used for the Bakersfield Beltway System, California; and

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Bishop amendment that sought to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the crash of TWA Flight 800 by offering the condolences of the U.S. Congress to the surviving families and friends of the 230 passengers and crew who perished as a result of the crash and to recognize the importance of continually upgrading aircraft technology, particularly with regard to the flammability of fuel tanks, to safeguard the flying public.

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Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 865, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to yesterday, Tuesday, June 13th, by a recorded vote of 221 ayes to 194 noes, Roll No. 262, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 249 yeas to 167 nays, Roll No. 261.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and twelve recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3937, H3937–38, H3938–39, H3939, H3939–40, H3940–41, H3941, H3941–42, H3957, H3957–58, H3958–59, H3959, and H3974. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:36 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### SCIENCE, THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, JUSTICE, AND COMMERCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2007

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Science, The Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Science, The Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 2007.

### LEGISLATIVE LINE ITEM VETO ACT OF 2006

*Committee on the Budget:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4890, Legislative Line Item Veto Act of 2006.

**WORKPLACE HEALTH/SAFETY STANDARDS**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled "Addressing Concerns About the U.S. Department of Labor's Use of Non-Consensus Standards in Workplace Health and Safety." Testimony was heard from Edwin Foulke, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

**VIOLENT/EXPLICIT VIDEO GAMES**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Violent and Explicit Video Games: Informing Parents and Protecting Children. Testimony was heard from public witnesses

**NIH HUMAN TISSUE RESEARCH POLICIES**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings entitled "Human Tissue Samples: NIH Research Policies and Practices." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services: Thomas R. Insel, M.D., Director; and Trey Sunderland, M.D., Chief, Geriatric Psychiatry Branch, both with the National Institute of Mental Health; and Michael M. Gottesman, M.D., Deputy Director, Intramural Research; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 5337, amended, Reform of National Security Reviews of Foreign Direct Investments Act; H.R. 5068, amended, Export-Import Bank Reauthorization Act of 2006; H.R. 2990, amended, Credit Rating Agency Duopoly Relief Act of 2005; H.R. 5024, amended, Promoting Transparency in Financial Reporting Act of 2006; H.R. 5585, amended, Financial Netting Improvements Act of 2006; H.R. 5039, amended, Saving America's Rural Housing Act of 2006; H.R. 4804, FHA Manufactured Housing Loan Modernization Act of 2006; H.R. 5527, amended, Mark-to-Market Extension Act of 2006; H.R. 5393, Natural Disaster Housing Reform Act of 2006; and H.R. 5443, amended, Section 8 Voucher Reform Act.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3197, Secure Handling of Ammonium Nitrate Act of 2005; H.R. 4941, Homeland Security Science and Technology Enhancement Act of 2006; and H.R. 4942, Promoting Antiterrorism Capabilities Through International Cooperation Act.

**TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION'S OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing entitled "Transportation Security Administration's Office of Intelligence: Progress and Challenges." Testimony was heard from Bill Gaches, Assistant Administrator, Intelligence, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; and Cathleen A. Berrick, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, GAO.

**HURRICANE KATRINA AFTERMATH WASTE, FRAUD AND ABUSE**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Investigations held a hearing entitled "Waste, Fraud and Abuse in the Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina." Testimony was heard from Donna Dannels, Acting Deputy Director, Office of Recovery, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, GAO; and a public witness.

**WORLD CUP AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations held a hearing on Modern-Day Slavery: Spotlight on the 2006 Trafficking in Persons Report, Forced Labor, and Sex Trafficking at the World Cup. Testimony was heard from John Miller, Director, Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons, Department of State; and public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held a briefing on this subject. The Subcommittee was briefed by Julia Ormond, Goodwill Ambassador for the Abolition of Slavery and Human Trafficking, Office on Drugs and Crime, United Nations.

**DOMESTIC ENERGY PRODUCTION THROUGH OFFSHORE EXPLORATION AND EQUITABLE TREATMENT OF STATE HOLDINGS ACT OF 2006**

*Committee on Resources:* Held a hearing on H.R. 4761, Domestic Energy Production through Offshore Exploration and Equitable Treatment of State Holdings Act of 2006. Testimony was heard from Johnnie Burton, Acting Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior; Senator Frank W. Wagner, Senate, State of Virginia; Colleen M. Castille, Secretary, Department of Environmental Protection, State of Florida; Terry Cleveland, Director, Game and Fish Department, State of Wyoming; and public witnesses.

**RESOLUTION—IRAQ WAR ON TERROR**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a vote of 6 to 4, a closed rule providing 10 hours of debate in the House on H. Res. 861, Declaring that the United States will complete the mission in Iraq and prevail in the Global War on Terror, the struggle to protect freedom from the terrorist adversary, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on International Relations, the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services, the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary and the chairman and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution. The rule provides one motion to recommit which may not contain instructions. Finally, the rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the resolution to a time designated by the Speaker.

**NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION ACT**

*Committee on Science:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 5450, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Act.

**OVERSIGHT—DEEPWATER IMPLEMENTATION**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held an oversight hearing on Deepwater Implementation. Testimony was heard from ADM Thad W. Allen, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

**OVERSIGHT—INFORMATION SECURITY AT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Held an oversight hearing on information security at the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Michael Staley, Assistant Inspector General, Audit, Department of Veterans Affairs; and the following officials of the GAO: Linda Koontz, Director, Information Management Issues; and Gregory Wilshusen, Director, Information Security Issues.

**MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT IMPLEMENTATION**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Held a hearing on the Implementation of the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary; and Mark McClellan, M.D., Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; Michael Starkowski,

Deputy Commissioner, Department of Social Services, State of Connecticut; and public witnesses.

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2006**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight Report of the Special Examination of Fannie Mae, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Fisheries and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine the Coast Guard budget, 10:30 a.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Superfund and Waste Management, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the superfund program, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert O. Blake, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 2145, to enhance security and protect against terrorist attacks at chemical facilities, S. 1554, to establish an intergovernmental grant program to identify and develop homeland security information, equipment, capabilities, technologies, and services to further the homeland security of the United States and to address the homeland security needs of Federal, State, and local governments, S. 1741, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the President to carry out a program for the protection of the health and safety of residents, workers, volunteers, and others in a disaster area, S. 1838, to provide for the sale, acquisition, conveyance, and exchange of certain real property in the District of Columbia to facilitate the utilization, development, and redevelopment of such property, S. 2068, to preserve existing judgeships on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, S. 2146, to extend relocation expenses test programs for Federal employees, S. 2296, to establish a fact-finding Commission to extend the study of a prior Commission to investigate and determine facts and circumstances surrounding the relocation, internment, and deportation to Axis countries of Latin Americans of Japanese descent from December 1941 through February 1948, and the impact of those actions by the United States, and to recommend appropriate remedies, and H.R. 3508, to authorize improvements in the operation of the government of the District of Columbia, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 2453, to establish procedures for the review of electronic surveillance programs, S. 2455, to provide in statute for the conduct of electronic surveillance of suspected